

April 24, 2008

The Board of Public Works & Safety met at 4:00 p.m. on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker attending and members Askren and Higgins attending. Others attending were Chief Beloat; Comm. Maynard; Chief Waters; Jeanne McGennis; and arriving during the meeting, Greg Russell – Russell Excavating.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Higgins moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Askren moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

\*\*\*\*\*CLAIMS\*\*\*\*\*

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Departments.

Comm. Maynard stated he would like the Board to consider allowing him to purchase a skid steer for the street department. He stated they could really use one, though he does not feel purchasing a new one is the best way to go. He added he has talked with Attorney Higgins about purchasing used equipment and she indicated that he needed to acquire three quotes if possible, and if he can not get three, he should consider those who decline a no bid. He added he is looking at a 2000 John Deere with 1200 hours on it for \$13,500.00.

Board member Askren asked what this equipment is and what it is used for ?

Comm. Maynard replied it is like a loader and very useful for a variety of yard duties like snow removal and to clean up before events at the riverfront. He added their tractor is too big for some of these uses.

Board member Higgins stated it sounds like it isn't a piece of equipment that they would use all of the time.

Board member Askren stated she does not see a problem with the purchase, and he should just again speak with Attorney Higgins on the proper procedures before proceeding.

Board consented to purchase unanimously.

Comm. Maynard stated he would like to add that he does have money in his budget for it in his equipment line. He concluded his report by stating Clean Up Week is May 12 – May 16 and there will be no Tire Amnesty Day this year, though the Street Department will take two tires per city resident for disposal.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Beloat reported the police would like to donate some officers for After Prom activities, with city to pay the overtime.

Board consented.

Comm. Maynard left the meeting.

Chief Beloat continued his report by stating he has run into a problem with their ammunition supplier. He stated Officer Bratton will start his training soon and it appears they will have to be looking to another supplier as theirs is back logged. He added there is a back log nationwide actually, due to the war. He did find some ammo at Red Ghost Gun Supply in Evansville and they have what he needs. He added he would like permission for Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe to cut a check for \$933.50 to he can move forward with that

purchase. He then stated he will spend probably around \$2,000 this year on ammo, which is more than normal as ammo prices are on the rise.

Board consented to the purchase.

Chief Beloit stated he mentioned at the last meeting their copier issues. He has contacted three firms for quotes and one, Smith & Butterfield, has declined to submit a quote. He added he will hopefully have the other quotes for the next meeting.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Chief Waters stated he would like permission to send one paid firefighter and one volunteer to the Illinois Fire Service Institute on April 26 for a free class. He added they would need the credit card for one night lodging and meals, but again, the class is free. He stated they will have live burns, which is rare in training. Board member Higgins moved permission to attend and use the city credit card be given. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Waters continued his report by stating he would like permission to secure a training session May 10 on the ladder truck. He added there is a gentleman who will come down from Indianapolis that will show them how to service the truck and also include a power point presentation for \$500.00. He stated he feels that is rather cheap.

Board consented to the training session.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is opening the bids for the demolition of 1100 Canal Street. He added Sherry Willis, who has been handling the dilapidated houses since the first of the year, has already served 22 notices. She is doing a tremendous job, though this particular house has slipped through the cracks – a finding was made on it back in May 2005. He stated it is an emergency situation now, with water filling up the foundation and walls falling in.

Greg Russell arrived at the meeting.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe opened the three quotes that were received, as follows:

1. 1. Russell's Excavating & Septic Tanks, Inc.

Project Scope: Option #1

Equipment and labor for demolition of home at 1100 Canal Street. We will de-water basement and backfill basement as described by the City.

Transportation and disposal of housing debris to be done by others.

Total bid.....\$3,790.00

Project Scope: Option #2

Equipment and labor for demolition of home at 1100 Canal Street. We will de-water and backfill basement as described by the City. We will transport and legally disposal of housing debris.

Total bid.....\$6,399.00

2. 2. Keith Kuhn & Sons

This letter is a bid for demolition of a house located at 1100 Canal Street, Mt. Vernon, IN.

We are making a bid of \$5,000.00.

This will include pumping out basement, tearing down house and hauling

away. This bid also includes filling in basement and leveling the dirt.

3. 3. McGennis Excavating L.L.C.

Bid Description:

Completely clean up 1100 Canal St to be left with clean, leveled, and nice looking lot that will meet the satisfaction of neighbors, public, and city officials.

The house will be tore down with the company's excavator. The debris will then be completely cleaned up and loaded into dumpsters that have already been priced and arranged. All the concrete including the foundation will be removed three feet below ground level then basement floor will be busted to allow water drainage. The basement will then be filled and leveled with dirt. Dirt will be hauled using the company's dump truck. McGennis Excavating, L.L.C. will do all work in a prompt manner with no subcontracting.

Total bid: \$8,300.00

Mayor Tucker stated at this point the Board should acknowledge receipt of the quotes and take them under advisement and review by Mrs. Willis and Attorney Higgins.

Board consented.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated under New Business, with summertime coming, police activity tends to pick up, as well as that of the Animal Control Officer. He stated he would like the Board to consider hiring a part time ACO who would fill in for Mr. Penn when he is gone on vacation, etc. He stated he believed the Chief has someone in mind already and there is a line in the ACO budget for that. Again, he stated, this would be a part time, temporary position with no benefits.

Board member Askren stated that is fine with her and has no problem with the request.

Board consented.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Higgins moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

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John Tucker  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cristi L. Wolfe  
Clerk-Treasurer

